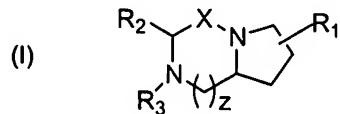


Bicyclic Melanocortin-Specific Compounds

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 Melanocortin receptor-specific bicyclic compounds having the structure:



and stereoisomer and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, where R₁, R₂, R₃ X and z are as

- 10 described in the specification, which are agonists, antagonists or mixed agonists and antagonists at
one or more melanocortin receptors, and having utility in the treatment of melanocortin receptor-
related disorders and conditions. Pharmaceutical compositions containing a compound of structure
(I) and methods relating to the use thereof are also disclosed.